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DR. ALFRED BILMANIS, Minister from LATVIA to the United States, was the opening speaker at a most interesting panel discussion which was a feature of the third morning of the National 4-H Club Camp.

Dr. Bilmanis brought us a clear picture of the conditions existing in farm homes of foreign countries. He told us of the changes that have been made from generation to generation, the size of the farm homes in different countries, and of the inheritance laws.



Later, in the discussion of long-time ownership, some of the delegates said that ownership should continue for two or more generations, because it would encourage the owners to take better care of the soil and build homes for their offspring. They would understand the use of the soil much better and would have time to conduct long-time experiments.

Other delegates brought out that the farm was run on a strictly money basis; that we must have a stabilization of prices and a long-time credit system before we can have continuous farm ownership.

They said that through long-time ownership there would be an increase in tenants and therefore a lower standard of living.

*Billie Ray Doney*  
Mississippi

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MY FIRST IMPRESSION OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, which houses the world's largest collection of books, pamphlets, newspapers, maps, etc., was one of spaciousness, beauty of architecture, and a realization that it is truly our National Library. Every room and corridor is filled with books, paintings, and exhibition cases.

It was a thrill to see the original of the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE and the CONSTITUTION of the UNITED STATES.

As I looked into the fireproof stacks, I was amazed at the miles and miles of shelving. When I stopped to think that two copies of every book copyrighted in the United States must be sent to the Library to comply with the law, besides the foreign books, I can understand why the collection has become the world's largest, and why it has been necessary to construct an annex.

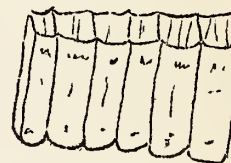
An interesting feature is the underground railway from the Library to the Capitol, it is used only for transporting books, so that members of Congress may have the books sent direct and rapidly.

The growth of the classification system used in the Library is coming to be recognized by scholars and librarians as one of the best and most up-to-date of modern systems.

Even such a short visit as ours leaves one with an indelible memory of the Nation's greatest library.

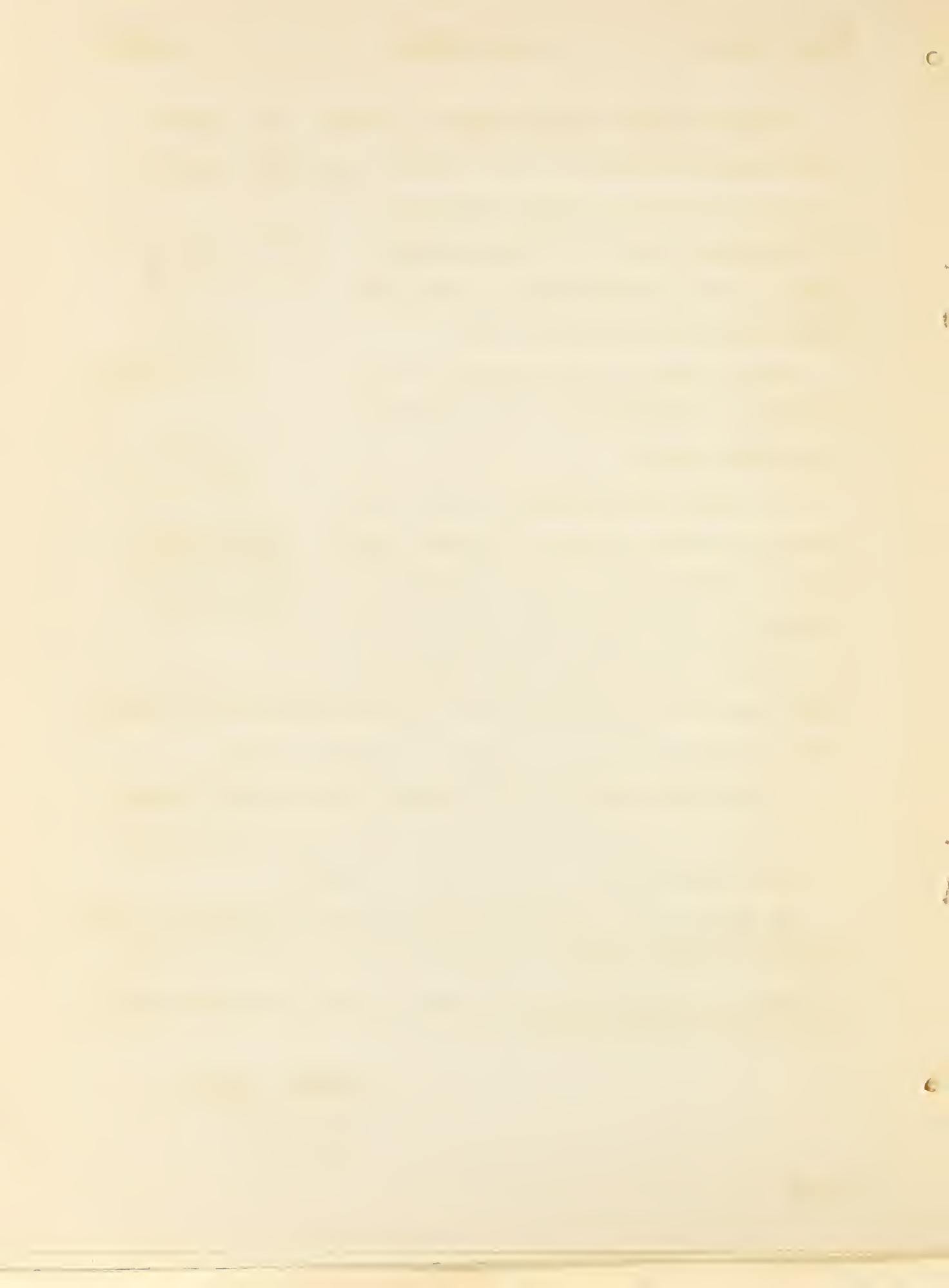
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*Esther Cusker*

Massachusetts



One of the outstanding events of the week, THE BANQUET, was held on Saturday evening at 7 p. m. in the Cafeteria of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Following a DELICIOUS dinner the program opened with a welcome by Grover Miehe (Iowa) who acted as toastmaster. He then introduced our guests, Director and Mrs. C. W. Warburton, Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Brigham, and others. Miss Ella Gardner led us in a number of songs.

HIGHLIGHTS of the talks that followed on the theme 4-H Treasure Trove:

ADVENTURING - Sam Lenz of Montana.

"We are happier and more successful doing things for ourselves. Opportunities are everywhere. Make the most of them."

EXPLORING the treasure chest - Annette Lohuis of Wisconsin.

"We find the key to the chest after hard work. We must have ideas and then put them to work. It is up to us to decide how and which way to go. Don't overlook the things at your doorstep."

ADVENTURES in health - Milton Ranck of Pennsylvania.

"Washington, the Father of Our Country, showed the importance of physical fitness. Likewise, Lincoln, Lindbergh, Christy Matthewson, and others have proved how much more we can accomplish with a strong body and good health."

KEEPING v. SHARING TREASURES - Elizabeth Harrison of Texas.

"Sharing our knowledge should be a satisfaction. Our motto should not only be 'Make the best better', but 'Lend a helping hand to others.'"

ONE MAN'S TREASURE CHEST - Dr. C. B. Smith, Assistant Director, Washington, D. C.

"Sometimes we are compelled to lose some of our treasures. We should not let the treasures drop down the knotholes. One of the greatest treasures is youthful memories. It is wonderful to grow up with your Mother and Father - to dream and vision with them. The family is the most significant thing in life. The majority of us are products of our friends. The days of youth are golden days. Youth's friends are great jewels. For a happy life marry early, have children, live on a farm, grow up with your children, and let love be the foundation of the home."



*Dorothy Houshe*

Maryland



LOOK AT THE AIRPLANE!!! This was probably the exclamation of the many 4-H boys and girls on entering the SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION on Saturday morning. For the first object to meet their gaze was the famous "Spirit of St. Louis."

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, a Minnesota boy, proved to be a most successful and courageous American citizen. The determination to fly the vast ocean, alone, necessitated courage, skill, and a will to do. Lindbergh believed in being prepared.

The machines, models, and other items of interest attracted the attention of the delegates according to their own ability and interest. We appreciate very much the opportunity of making this educational tour.

*Wilfred Denison*  
Minnesota

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Our tour of the PAN AMERICAN UNION proved to be very interesting. A typical Latin-American patio greeted our eyes as we entered the beautiful building. In the center was a sparkling fountain designed by Gertrude Vanderbilt Whitney. All about us were tropical plants, new and amazing to most of us. The center of the patio is lighted by a skylight which may be opened on warm days.

Beyond the patio we found a large room which featured a relief map of South America. This gave us an excellent idea of the area and physical features of the Republics belonging to the Union. This room also contained many exhibits from the countries concerned. In the Hall of the Americas we saw the flags of all the American nations.

In the rear of the building we visited the formal garden, one of the most beautiful in the city, with its pool, hedges, walks, and many plantings. As we closed our enjoyable visit we were handed a small pamphlet of information on the Pan American Union and its purposes.

*Gene Holder*  
Mississippi

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Our visit to the LINCOLN MEMORIAL on Saturday gave us a view of what I believe to be the most beautiful memorial in Washington. The massive structure with the impressive statue of our great President is typical of the strength and mental character which he possessed.

The building was designed by Henry Bacon, and the statue is by Daniel Chester French. The Memorial cost approximately \$3,000,000 and was dedicated in May 1922. Seven years were required to complete the structure.

*Olund Peele*  
North Carolina



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